Sri V. N. PATIL.—Have the Government assured themselves that there would not be any malpractice? In one single instance a voter has put votes five to six times and even in the name of people who are dead votes have been cast because the polling agent on the other side was not strong.

(No answer)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Sir I have stood several times. May I know why the Speaker does not give me a chance at all?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am giving chance to everybody. The memory of the hon'ble Member is short. I have given him more chances than others. I have called the next question.

Sri B. P. GANGAHDAR.—In this particular matter I had a question to put. In the recent election some *purdah ladies* could vote and in many places they were sent out. There is this anomaly in some places rejecting them and in some places accepting them. Can the Government think of doing anything in the matter to see that the identity of the voter so far as pardah ladies are concerned can be strictly observed?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I thought the hon'ble Member wanted to put a relevant question. The question here is regarding the indelible ink. So, even if he had put his supplementary, I would have disallowed it. Next question.

Transfer of Officers

167. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any Deputy Commissioner of South Kanara has been transferred within a period of three years since September 1962 and if so, the reasons for the same and whether there are any cases where a Deputy Commissioner has not been transferred even after three years and, if so, the reasons for such retention ;

(*b*) whether any Assistant Commissioner of South Kanara has been transferred within a period of three years since September 1962 and if so, the reason for the same and whether there are any cases where an Assistant Commissioner has not been transferred even after three years and if so, the reasons for such retention?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes there are cases of Deputy Commissioners transferred within a period of 3 years since September 1962, the reasons being the interest of public service and the exigencies of Administration. There

was a case where the Deputy Commissioner had not been transferred after three years. He has since been transferred.

(*b*) Yes; there are cases of Assistant Commissioners in South Kanara District transferred within a period of three years since September 1962, the reasons being in the interest of public service and the exigencies of administration. There is no case where an Assistant Commissioner has not been transferred after three years.

Transfer of Officers

168. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any Superintendent of Police of Mysore, Chickmaglur, Coorg and South Kanara Districts has been transferred within a period of three years since September 1962 and if so, the reasons for the same and whether there are any cases where a Superintendent of Police of Mysore has not been transferred even after three years and if so, the reasons for such retention ;

(*b*) whether any Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mangalore, Puttur and Udipi in South Kanara has been transferred within a period of 3 years since September 1962 and, if so, the reasons for the same and whether there are any cases where an Assistant Superintendent of Police has not been transferred even after three years and, if so, the reasons for such retention ?

Sri. VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes ; there are cases of Superintendents of Police transferred within a period of 3 years since September 1962. These transfers were necessitated by the exigencies of administration. There is no case where a Superintendent of Police has not been transferred after three years.

(*b*) Yes; there are cases of Assistant Superintendents of Police transferred within a period of 3 years since September 1962 ; reasons of such transfers are the exigencies of administration. There is no instance of Assistant Superintendent of Police who was not transferred even after three years.

Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES:—In reply to (*a*) you have said that Deputy Commissioners are transferred within a period of 3 years, the reasons being interest of public service. May I know why this particular Deputy Commissioner was not transferred even after three years ? Is it in the interest of public service or is it due to the political backing he had ?